

Welcome

Expanding on from the success of the 2008 Ballarat Gardens in Spring Program, we welcome you to the 2009 program and hope that you will enjoy and take inspiration from the following Ballarat & district open gardens.

Ballarat is proud of its history, heritage buildings and gardens and we invite you to experience their beauty during the four day program this Spring.

With an increasing awareness of the importance of sustainability, carbon footprints, climate change and total wellness, gardens are more important in our lives and for the future than ever.

Be sure to take this opportunity and indulge your senses!

Enjoy

Jan Todd, Elizabeth Gilfillan
Nancy Brewer & Helen Todd

Ballarat Gardens in Spring



DIRECTIONS TO GARDENS
phone Ballarat Visitor Information
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maps available at all open gardens

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OTHER ASSOCIATED EVENTS:-

Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Luncheon Workshop

'Managing Changing Conditions'

Friday 20th November ~ 10.30am to 4pm

Guest speakers include:-

**Teena Crawford, Michael McCoy
& David Glenn**

The Robert Clark Centre

Limited numbers - Tickets \$65.00

Registration - ☎ 53 347085

Botanical Art Exhibition & Sale

The Robert Clark Conservatory

19th - 22nd November ~ 9am to 5pm

FBBG Plant Sales

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Nov ~ 1pm to 3pm

Every other Tuesday 1pm to 4pm

(near Conservatory - Botanical Gardens)



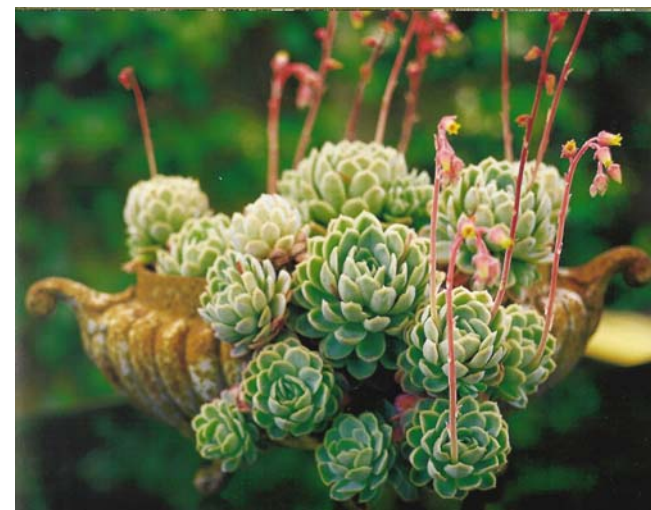
Toilets



Refreshments



Plant Sales



November 2009

Friday 20th - Monday 23rd

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6 George Street, Ballarat East

Adapted over recent years by Nancy Brewer to cope with water scarcity, this beautiful & inspiring town garden features roses, clematis and perennials combined with interesting dry-tolerant plants and water-saving ideas. Distinct areas including shade and vegetable gardens.

Open: Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday
10am to 4pm Admission: \$ 6



Old Curiosity Shop, 7 Queen St Sth, Ballarat

The Old Curiosity Shop, a Ballarat landmark will open for one day and enable visitors to take a trip back in time.

Against a background of many of the original shrubs and trees, Brigitte Chitryk-Goss has filled the garden with a colourful mix of old-fashioned cottage garden plants.

The garden is richly embellished with curiosities & artefacts enticing the visitor to discover, creative and witty flourishes at every turn.

Open: Sunday
10am to 4-30pm Admission: \$ 6

Ballarat Community Gardens, Cnr Dyte Pde & Queen St, Ballarat East

The Ballarat Community Garden, comprising 56 individual beds, aims to cater for people of all abilities. Using sound environmental practices to grow vegetables, fruit and herbs and enjoying regular social contact, the gardeners also structure educational activities into their gardening calendar. An inspiration!

Open: Saturday & Sunday
10am to 4pm Admission: gold coin

910 Sherrard Street, Ballarat

Garry & Fay Leitch's small Ballarat garden is a plant collector's dream. The owners demonstrate how to integrate produce, topiary, orchids, bonsai, natives and outdoor living, while demonstrating best practice in composting and recycling. Appearing tiny from the outside, yet when inside, the clever use of Lilliputian scale paths and plants create a sense of a much larger space.

Open: Friday, Saturday & Sunday
10am to 4pm Admission: \$ 2

'Anembinya' 80 Granny White Lane, Mt Buninyong

At 'Anembinya' on the slopes of Mt Buninyong, Jane & Russell Luckock have established a rambling garden on rich volcanic soil against a backdrop of breathtaking views over the surrounding countryside. Solely dependent on their own water supply, and with unsolicited help from rabbits, possums and parrots, they have managed to develop a noteworthy garden. Planting has been adapted to cope with dry conditions and provides inviting sheltered areas contrasting with the vastness of the location.

Open: Saturday & Sunday
10am to 4.30pm Admission: \$ 5



'Coolalie' at Lal Lal Estate - Mt Egerton Rd

Pat Fischen has refurbished this delightful country garden overlooking the picturesque lake on the property. Against a framework of existing eucalypts, the garden has been planned to cope with the changing climatic conditions and for ease of maintenance. New plantings include a notable collection of plants from dry zones, roses, perennials, bulbs and massed succulents to provide interest all year.

Open: Saturday & Sunday
11am to 6pm Admission: \$ 5 Water Warning



Maison Le Guier, 2 Simpson St, Buninyong

Jill & Ian Salathiel's recently established home and garden was designed with simplicity of maintenance as a primary concern. This very chic garden at Buninyong features a Heritage dry stone wall with a sophisticated planting scheme of hedges and mass-planted evergreen shrubs surrounding a modern house. Lawns are surrounded by layered hedges in an uncluttered and elegant garden. All plants have been chosen to withstand dry conditions once established, creating a restful green oasis.

Open: Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday
10am to 4.30pm Admission: \$ 6



'Avebury', 20 Dunnstown Rd, Navigators

Stroll around this serene garden and admire the artistry of garden designer, Elizabeth Gilfillan. Established hedges, large shrubs and background cypresses provide structure. Strategically placed formal plantings, clipped feature plants and a selection of hardy shrubs create a perfect foil for the classical Victorian homestead. Tough perennials, bulbs and foliage plants complete the picture. A recent extension combines perennials, succulents and grasses that thrive without watering.

Open: Saturday & Sunday
11am to 6pm Admission: \$ 5



'Berringa' 120 Webster Street, Ballarat

Janet Cowles' house and garden epitomises the elegance of Ballarat's early days. The outstanding framework of the garden, punctuated with clipped hedges, rounded domes of box and sharp vertical accents sweeps around the gracious house. Recent refurbishments to meet today's demanding conditions have added massed plantings of interesting combinations for foliage and texture under planting beautiful old shrubs. A valued Magnolia grandiflora and a tulip tree are being nursed back to health.

Open: Saturday & Sunday Water Warning
10.30am to 4.30pm Admission: \$ 5
(proceeds to Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens)

5 Fraser Street, Mount Pleasant

Jan Todd's stylishly transformed sixties cream brick home with mature apple, camphor laurel and existing hedges have been incorporated into the design. Separate engaging areas include a rose garden and richly planted borders, vegetable potager and cutting garden. The garden is filled with imaginative plantings and whimsical touches.

Open: Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday
11am to 6pm Admission: \$ 4



Cockram Garden, 1008 Sherrard St, Ballarat

Margaret Cockram & Neal Salan converted their backyard into a 'Kitchen Farm' to make a contribution to a more sustainable future. A series of raised beds using the 'no-dig' method of gardening now produce abundant organic vegetables, salads and herbs. An orchard of dwarf fruit trees is next on the agenda. Take the opportunity to see how a typical town garden can become an oasis of productivity.

Open: Friday & Saturday
10am to 4.30pm Admission: \$ 5